was a grave defect and the Member pointed out the importance of constructing the road through Arattinkal. He prayed that a fresh survey might be made and the line traced through Arattinkal. He also requested that the Mukamma-Mararikulam road be metalled.

President's reply.—The opening of cross canals is receiving attention. Madayan *thodu* and Puttan *thodu* have been already taken up. The other canals will be taken up later.

The making of roads is costly in Shertallai. A road is being constructed along the west bank of the Alleppey-Shertallai canal now under construction.

The road from Shertallai to Arattinkal has been aligned to pass along the existing village road and passes by the Arattinkal church. The work on the Tannirmukkam road will be expedited.

65. Some urgent needs of Shertallai north.

Mr. Narayanan Madhavan Karta (Member, Shertallai taluk) represented that two foot-bridges over the canal that runs north from Kuttiatodu to Veluttulli backwater, one to the west of Chemmanad temple and the other just to the east of the Sri Narayanapuram temple, were necessary and requested that those works might be soon taken up. He also prayed for two ferries—one between Kodanturuttu and Panappalli and the other between Trichattukulam and Eramallur. The last request of the Member was that the Puchakkal canal which had silted up might be deepened.

President's reply.—The two foot-bridges required on the Veluttulli-Kuttiatodu canal will be arranged to be put up. The two ferry services required on the Arukutty-Shertallai backwater at Kodanturuttu and Eramallur will also be ordered. The necessary repairs to the Puchakkal canal have been already ordered by the Chief Engineer.

65. Means of communication in Shertallai.

Mr. N. R. Krishnan (Member, Nominated) represented that the means of communication in the Shertallai taluk might be improved. He suggested the opening of Panappalli *thodu* to the Vayalarkayal *via* Lakshmipuram market. That would be midway between Shertallai town and Kuttiatodu—another opening to Vayalarkayal about 10 miles from Shertallai town. The opening would be through one of the most thickly populated parts of the taluk and through a thriving market. The Member said that, being just to the east of Antakarazhi, the canal suggested by him would be of great help to the discharge of the accumulated water in the backwater as a result of the opening of the Cochin harbour.

The Member also prayed for the gravelling of the road from Shertallai to Arur.

President's reply.—Your suggestions *re.* the extension of the Panappalli canal *via* Lakshmipuram market to Vayalar backwater are noted. The Chief Engineer will be asked to make an inspection of the locality and submit definite proposals as to the location of the cross canal in question.

In regard to the gravelling of the road from Shertallai to Arur, the first section will be taken up next year.

II. MAIN HEADS OF REVENUE.—(*Concluded.*)

2. Forest.

67. Hardship caused to the agriculturists by the Forest Department.

Mr. U. M. S. Mohideen Pillai Rowther (Member, Devicolam taluk) said that he had in his first representation already stated the several requirements of the cardamom ryots, and that it was his intention, by means of the present representation, to bring home to the authorities the several hardships caused to them by the Forest Department. The cardamom cultivators being essentially agriculturists could naturally be expected to conform only to the control of the Revenue Department, but unfortunately for them, they were subjected to the control of the Forest Department also, on the officers of which the duty of the protection of the tree-growth on the cardamom areas devolved. He complained that it was the dual control exercised over them by

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